

REMARKS

In view of the last Amendment filed by Applicant on July 25, 2005 and the Examiner's Amendment mailed October 11, 2005, Claims 1-13, 22-37 and 39-45 are pending and are currently allowed in the application.

Applicants provide the present paper as a summary of the interviews of September 22 and 28, 2005.

In the interview of September 22, 2005, independent claims 1, 6, 22 and 34 were discussed with respect to the prior art, i.e., Prince (US Patent No. 5,553,619) and Wilson et al. (US Patent No. 5,573,515). Among other distinctions, the amended claims define that the first flushing medium phase comprises a pressurized injection of flushing medium, and the second contrast medium phase comprises a pressurized injection of contrast medium, respectively. Such features are not disclosed or suggested by Prince. Wilson teaches a self purging angiographic injector comprising a valve that permits radiographic contrast material to be drawn from the reservoir into the syringe during a fill operation. Wilson's angiographic injector neither contemplates a first phase of an injection procedure as a programmable flushing medium phase, nor contemplates a subsequent second phase comprising programmable contrast medium phase. Therefore, it was discussed that the prior art rejections should be removed.

In the interview of September 28, 2005, claims 6 and 22 were discussed with respect to minor suggestions for clarifying amendments. Applicants reconfirm the amendments as outlined in the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed October 11, 2005.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-5029.

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